

held on 16-8-1984, ITMA committed that from 15th October, 1984, cost of the CTV to the customer with all taxes and one year guarantee in Delhi will not be more than Rs. 7500/- with electronic tuner and Rs. 7000/- with turret tuner.

Further, in the meeting of this Committee held on 21-12-1984, ITMA was requested to advise all their members to provide the list of their CTV dealers all over India and their all-inclusive customer price inclusive of 1 year warranty, of various models of CTV sets. ITMA agreed to do so. The lists would be made public.

- (iv) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET and T), a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics, under their "Material Technology Brand Name" (MTB) programme will provide help to industry to produce quality products at reasonable cost by supplying material procured by them in bulk along with necessary technology. It is expected that CTVs manufactured under this scheme will be available at a price less than the price at which the CTVs are being sold in the market.
- (v) ET and T shall supply Colour Picture Tubes in adequate quantities to the various Colour TV manufacturers. It is expected that with the above steps and the market forces operating, CTV sets will become available to the consumers at a reasonable price.
- (b) As per announcement made in Parliament on August 18, 1983. Customs Duty on—
- (i) Imported components such as Colour TV Tubes, ICs, Resistances, Capacitors, etc. has been reduced from 158% to 75%.
- (ii) Capital equipment needed for manufacture of Colour TV Receivers has been reduced from 35% to 25%. In addition, excise duty on Colour TV Receiver sets has been reduced from

25% (plus 5% surcharge) to 15% for a Colour TV set with screen size upto 51 cms.

(c) Colour Picture Tubes have been imported by Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation from—

- (i) M/s Samsung, South Korea;
- (ii) M/s Philips, Holland/Taiwan;
- (iii) M/s Toshiba, Japan;
- (iv) M/s Videocolour, France/Italy;
- (v) M/s ITT, West Germany; and
- (vi) M/s Gold Star, South Korea.

A total quantity of 15,97,900 Colour Picture Tubes have been contracted since September, 1983 at an FE value of approximately 96 million U. S. Dollars. No CTV kits are being imported by ET and T for assembling CTV Sets.

(d) It is expected that indigenous manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes will commence before and of 1987.

"Pollution from Oilfields in Assam"

*108. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Economic Times' of 28 February, 1985 regarding pollution from oilfields in Assam assuming serious proportions; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government in this regard ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Oil India Limited has a closed system of operation which does not cause pollution problems. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission has installed an effluent treatment plant at Lakwa since, September, 1984. Another plant is being installed at their Rudrasagar oil field.